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Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Conyers:

This letter is in response to your letter dated December 15, 2004, to the Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI's) Cincinnati, Ohio Field Office and Attorney Larry E. Beal, Hocking County, Ohio Prosecutor. In your letter, you requested an investigation regarding information you received regarding possible election tampering in Ohio during the recent presidential election. Your letter was subsequently forwarded to the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division for reply.

Upon receipt of your letter, the FBI's Cincinnati Field Office conducted a thorough inquiry of the information you provided in your letter, which included interviews with officials from the Hocking County Board of Elections, including Sherole L. Eaton; other local and state election and law enforcement officials; and, employees of Triad GSI. The results of this inquiry were also reported to and reviewed by the Department of Justice (DOJ), Public Integrity Section, Elections Crime Branch and the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) for the Southern District of Ohio. Based on this inquiry, neither the DOJ, the USAO for the Southern District of Ohio, the FBI, nor their local and state counterparts, found any credible evidence that anyone engaged in any conduct which violated federal election laws.

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I understand your concerns regarding this matter, and I appreciate your prompt referral of this information to the SAC of the FBI's Cincinnati Field Office for appropriate action. I hope this response adequately answers all of your concerns. If you have any further information or questions regarding this matter, please contact myself or the Assistant Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Eleni P. Kalisch.

Sincerely yours,



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CC: Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
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